

An Algorithm for Predicting the Speed of Traffic Light Violators

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Abstrak

Pelacakan kendaraan yang menggunakan RFID dikembangkan mengingat tiga masalah utama, yaitu waktu sinyal lalu lintas, kemacetan di jalan dan pencurian kendaraan. Tulisan ini memaparkan suatu algoritma dalam memprediksi kecepatan kendaraan pelanggar lampu lalu-lintas. Algoritma terkini diimplementasikan ke dalam program simulasi. Sistem lampu lalu-lintas dilengkapi pembaca RFID sebagai piranti utama untuk mengidentifikasi kendaraan yang dilengkapi kartu RFID. Dalam simulasi, ID kendaraan dibangkitkan menggunakan pembangkit bilangan acak. Distribusi ID kendaraan adalah seragam dan diharapkan jumlah pelanggar lampu lalu-lintas tidak melebihi 3% dari seluruh ID yang dibangkitkan. Ketelitian penghitungan waktu prediksi kecepatan pelanggar lampu lalu-lintas adalah 100 mili-detik. Simulasi telah memenuhi kinerja yang diharapkan dan secara waktu-nyata mampu memprediksi kecepatan kendaraan pelanggar lampu lalu-lintas antara 5-80 km/jam.

Kata kunci: algoritma pelacakan, lampu lalu-lintas, prediksi kecepatan kendaraan, teknologi RFID

Abstract

The tracking of vehicles using RFID was developed consider three major problems, i.e. traffic signal timing, congestion on road and theft of vehicles. This paper describes an algorithm for predicting the speed of traffic light violators. The novel algorithm is implemented in the form of a simulation program. The traffic light system is equipped RFID reader as the main tool for identifying the vehicle's RFID tags. In the simulation, the vehicle's ID is generated using a random number generation. The distribution of the vehicle's numbers is uniform and the expected number of vehicles violated the traffic light is not more than 3 % of the total number generated. The timing accuracy for speed traffic lights violator is 100 milli seconds. From the simulation conducted, the algorithm has performed as expected. It is able to predict the speed of traffic light violators ranging from 5 km/h up to 80 km/h in real-time.

Keywords: tracking algorithm, traffic light, vehicle speed prediction, RFID technology

1. Introduction

This paper describes a novel algorithm for predicting the speed of traffic light violators. The word novel is used to capitalize that this kind of algorithm has never been develop in similar environments before. The algorithm is implemented in the form of a simulation program. The traffic light system is designed with radio frequency identification (RFID) as the main device for identifying the vehicles. It is assumed that all cars crossing the traffic light are equipped with active RFID tags.

The vehicle movement is monitored in four directions of the traffic light using a novel algorithm in real-time. In general, there are two ways of traffic light settings. The first is fixed time or fixed driven setting and the second one is the event driven setting [1]. All of the above mentioned settings resulted in the development of queues of vehicles in all traffic light directions.

A number of vehicle detection parameters could be used, such as stop line detection, counting detection, queue detection, traffic light violation detection, advanced detection/over-speed detection, right/left detection, and truck/bus detection with two modes of detection, namely the passage mode and the presence mode [2]. Devices used for detecting the vehicle movements depended on the mode of detection. In this simulation, the detectors used are RFID

and magnetic flux sensor for detecting stop line. RFID is used as the main sensor since it is capable of detecting and identifying either static or dynamic objects, such as vehicle movements in various speeds.

RFID technology is one of the most significant breakthroughs in object identification system. This technology has the potential to identify moving objects with high reliability and accuracy and very efficient in consuming bandwidth for transmitting the data [3]. The ID of vehicles could be easily identified if vehicles with RFID tags pass through a RFID reader in the proper path. Then, the IDs could be transmitted and processed in a relatively short period of time. It is logical to say that with this property, RFID could very well improve the scalability of moving vehicle detection compared to similar systems.

In this research, the model of simulation is developed with some assumptions. The RFID traffic light detection system is placed in the four way crossing. The flux detectors are placed in various positions such that it could detect a car (cars) crossing over it when the traffic light is red. A car will be detected as a violator if and only if it is also detected in the other branch of the crossing. The time difference between the RFID detection and the magnetic flux detection is used to predict the approximate speed of the violators in the traffic light crossing.

Recently, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology is one of the most significant breakthroughs in object identification system. This technology has the potential to create various objects which have identification applications of information flow, reliability and high efficiency without requiring additional bandwidth. The information stored in the chip card-sized multiple-bits only, so it does not require wide bandwidth and can be accessed more quickly [3]. RFID applications in traffic systems can more easily monitor the movement of vehicles within the RFID network. Identity (ID) vehicles equipped with an RFID card (RFID tag) will be detected by an RFID reader in its path [4]. RFID together with Internet and GSM technologies are anticipated to create a revolution in traffic management and control systems. The database contains online statistical information, which can be used by operators and planners to develop the better models in the future [5]. The other RFID application, for examples, it was built model can be used in planning of exhibition, in modeling of visitor's preferences, and/or in generation of prediction related to exhibition lasting, expected sales and pricing [6].

At relating work, the application of RFID technology to intelligent traffic service systems with purpose to improve the data quality is used for real-time traffic information gathering. It's framework in which moving vehicles with attached passive RFID tags can located with the RFID reader installed at roadside near the road intersections thus to improve the intelligent traffic systems (ITS) traffic real-time road status publish service and forecast service [7].

For tracking vehicles using RFID, it was developed with three major problems: traffic signal timing, congestion on road and theft of vehicles. The traffic signaling is made dynamic based on regressions over data archives, containing a detailed set of traffic quotient and time. Analysis of congestion forms a key attribute for traffic signaling system and is used for suggesting faster routes to vehicle drivers and balancing the traffic across various routes. In this system requires installing RFID tags on all vehicles and RFID readers on various functions of city for tracking [8].

RFID technology applications on the ITS is presented an innovative scheme, hierarchical exponential region organization (HERO), to tackle the position of moving vehicles in real-time. The location information of individual vehicle is actively logged in local nodes which are distributed throughout the city. For each vehicle, HERO dynamically maintains an advantageous hierarchy on the overlay network of local nodes to conservatively update the location information only in nearby nodes. By bounding the maximum number of hops the query is routes, HERO guarantee to meet the real-time constraint associated with each vehicle [9].

2. Research Method

In general, models of red-light violation detection system can be seen in Figure 1. From Figure 1 one can see that the intersection is the intersection of four models, namely North, East, South and West. Each branch divided by 2 roads, i.e. the road come (arrival) and the road left (leaved out) intersection. As each road divided into 3 lanes, which turn directions to/from the left, turn directions to/from the right and straight direction. More detail can be seen in Figure 2.

From Figure 2, the width of road is 18 meters and divided by six lines, each of width is 3m. RFID readers placed 3m in distance from each corner of the intersection. To calculate the speed of vehicles we must use the distance between the midpoints of the road, that are:

- The distance of turn left : 11.7853 m
- Straight distance : 24 m
- The distance of turn right : 25.9286 m

By using the assumption the vehicle motion is linear with constant acceleration > 0 and initial velocity (v_0) is zero, then speed across the intersection is [10]:

$$v = \frac{2s}{t} = at \quad (1)$$

We use active tag RFIDs are tagged on vehicles that are interrogated up to 10m by RFID reader. The magnetic flux detectors are installed on the stop line and that are activated when the traffic light is red lit up.

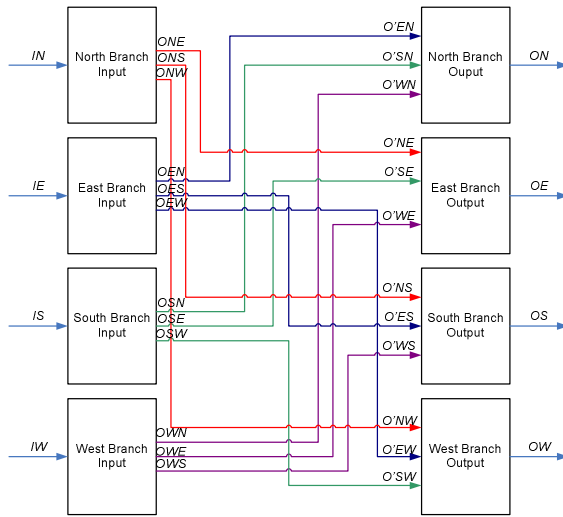


Figure 1. The model of traffic light violation detection system

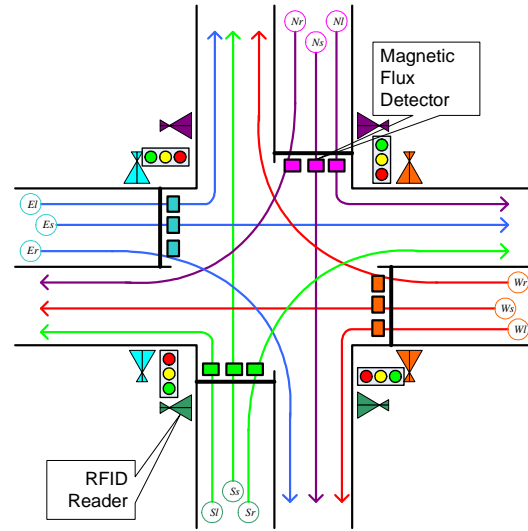


Figure 2. The sketch crossing: quarter-intersection

2.1 Tracking Algorithm

To monitor the movement of vehicles equipped with an RFID card, then at each branching junction placed RFID readers as shown in Figure 2. Both vehicles came to the crossing and the left junctions were identified by RFID readers. Thus we will know the intended direction of vehicle after crossing the intersection. The result of detection is expressed with tracking vector [11] as follows:

$$\text{Tracking vector} = \langle T_i, t_j, R_k \rangle \quad (2)$$

with:

- T_i : Identity RFID card
- t_j : Time of identification
- R_k : Point of RFID Readers

From the tracking vector can be known vehicle ID (T_i), the detection time (t_j) and the identity of an RFID reader (R_k).

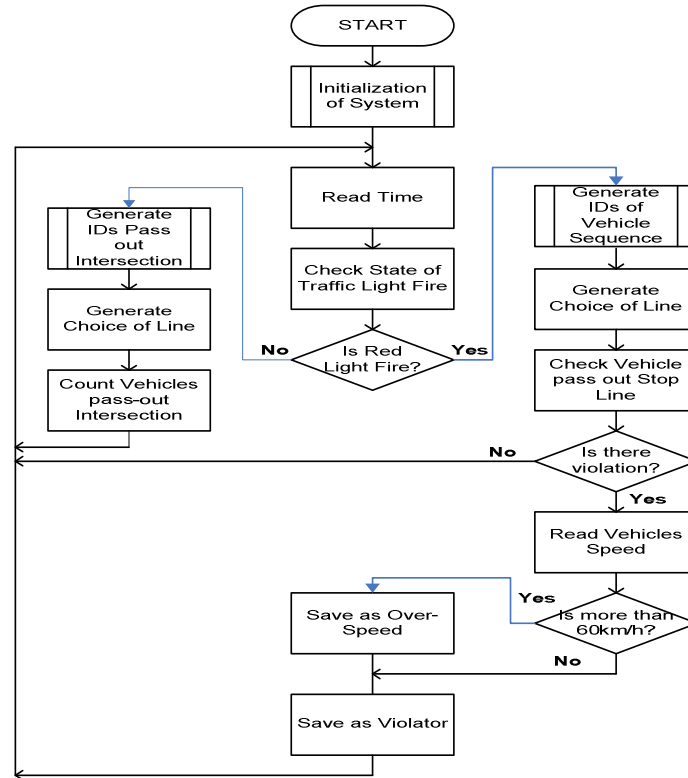


Figure 4. The flow chart of simulation model predictions of traffic light violators

To distinguish ID at each branch, then ID generators are divided as follows:

- ID North branch, I_N : 0001 - 2499
- ID East branch, I_E : 2500 - 4999
- ID South branch, I_S : 5000 - 7499
- ID West branch, I_W : 7500 - 9999

The maximum number of IDs that allowed each generation is 12 and must not appear on the next generation. This is obtained by taking the first matrix element (1.1) of the generation matrix (12.1), where members of the matrix are the numbers 1 to 12. Each vehicle can choose the path according to the desired goals and lead a queue to cross the intersection, the path L (turn left, X_L), S line (straight, X_S), R line (turn right, X_R) and occupy queues 1, 2, 3 and so on.

Instructions are as follows:

1. Instruction to generate ID number:
 $\text{NumberID} = [1:12]'$; //the Matrix of ID number generator : [1 ... 12]
 $\text{NumberID}_x = \text{grand}(1, 'prm', \text{NumberID})$; //the Matrix permutation of ID number generator
//of x branching
 $\text{NumberID}_x = \text{NumberID}_x(1)$; //taking (1,1) of matrix
2. Instruction to generate ID and channel/line to be choose:
 $\text{GenID}_x = \text{grand}(\text{NumberID}_x, 1, 'uin', \text{ID_Low}, \text{ID_High}_x)$; //ID of x-branching and
 $\text{GenDest}_x = \text{grand}(\text{NumberID}_x, 1, 'uin', 1, 3)$; //channel selected
3. Instruction for generating ID as a candidate red-light violators, that is if the active magnetic flux sensor is:
 $\text{CoViolation}_x = \text{grand}(\text{NumberID}_x, 1, 'uin', \text{ID_Low}, \text{ID_High}_x)$;
In the transitional lighting between branching, traffic light will light up simultaneously for 3 seconds.
4. To monitor the movement of traffic light violators, then every 100ms (0.1s) is detected, whether the vehicle as the candidate of offenders identified by RFID readers in the direction of another branch (the destination branch). The instruction is used to generate the ID with the expected value of 3% as follows:

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if (Voult_x_y<>0) then
    Speed_x_y=grand(1,'prm',Speed_x_y);      // Detection of violator candidate
    if ((Speed_x_y(1)==Voult_x_y)&(t_x_y>0)) then
        ...
    // There are violators who are detected in the branch x to branch y

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At the traffic light turns red, then the vehicles in each line that occupy the queue 1 will be monitored, whether detected or not crossing the line stops. If vehicle cross the stop line with the magnetic flux sensor is marked active, then the vehicle will be candidate red-light violators. Vehicles will really be traffic light violator if the vehicle ID detected by RFID readers in other branching direction with a speed between 5 km/h until 80 km/h.

3. Results and Analysis

The simulation model according to the algorithm shown in Figure 4 is made with program of Scilab 5.2.2 and ScicosLab 4-3 products from INRIA-ENPC. The examples of program execution results display can be seen in Figure 5 and Figure 6.

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RED LIGHT VIOLATION DETECTION [27/9/2010] [7:6:15]
...
|==> [27/9/2010] [7:6:31]    TLC Status>> [North: G] [East: R] [South: R] [West: R]
North -> East : 0
North -> South : 0
North -> West : 1
    ==>ID 9069 may be violated
|==> [27/9/2010] [7:6:32]    TLC Status>> [North: G] [East: R] [South: R] [West: R]
North -> East : 1
North -> South : 1
North -> West : 0
|==> [27/9/2010] [7:6:33]    TLC Status>> [North: G] [East: R] [South: R] [West: R]
North -> East : 1
North -> South : 1
North -> West : 0
...
|==> [27/9/2010] [7:6:38]    TLC Status>> [North: G] [East: R] [South: R] [West: R]
North -> East : 0
North -> South : 1
North -> West : 0
    West-Turn Left: ID [9069]: t_detection 7.40s, Speed 11.467 km/h
...
|==> [27/9/2010] [7:8:1]     TLC Status>> [North: R] [East: G] [South: R] [West: R]
East -> South : 0
East -> West : 1
East -> North : 1
    ==>ID 8558 may be violated
|==> [27/9/2010] [7:8:2]     TLC Status>> [North: R] [East: Y] [South: R] [West: R]
East -> South : 0
East -> West : 0
East -> North : 2
    West-Turn Left: ID [8558]: t_detection 1.70s, Speed 49.916 km/h
|==> [27/9/2010] [7:8:3]     TLC Status>> [North: R] [East: Y] [South: R] [West: R]
East -> South : 1
East -> West : 1
East -> North : 0
...
|==> [27/9/2010] [7:8:56]    TLC Status>> [North: R] [East: R] [South: Y] [West: R]
South -> West : 0
South -> North : 0
South -> East : 0
    ==>ID 9378 may be violated
...
|==> [27/9/2010] [7:9:20]    TLC Status>> [North: R] [East: R] [South: R] [West: G]
West -> North : 0
West -> East : 0
West -> South : 1
    ==>ID 2326 may be violated
...
|==> [27/9/2010] [7:9:23]    TLC Status>> [North: R] [East: R] [South: R] [West: G]
West -> North : 0
West -> East : 0
West -> South : 2
    North-Turn Right: ID [2326]: t_detection 3.00s, Speed > 60.000 km/h (over-speed)
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Figure 5. The Display of the execution result of the traffic light violation detection program

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|==> [26/12/2010] [22:51:33] TLC Status>> [North: R] [East: R] [South: R] [West: Y]
West -> North : 0
West -> East : 2
West -> South : 0
==>ID 6043 may be violated
|==> [26/12/2010] [22:51:34] TLC Status>> [North: R] [East: R] [South: R] [West: R]
|==> [26/12/2010] [22:51:35] TLC Status>> [North: R] [East: R] [South: R] [West: R]
|==> [26/12/2010] [22:51:36] TLC Status>> [North: R] [East: R] [South: R] [West: R]
==>ID 5293 may be violated

Flow prediction:
The number of vehicles entry in the North branch is 223
The number of vehicles entry in the East branch is 275
The number of vehicles entry in the South branch is 226
The number of vehicles entry in the West branch is 255

The number of vehicles leave out the North forward is 247
The number of vehicles leave out the East forward is 226
The number of vehicles leave out the South forward is 262
The number of vehicles leave out the West forward is 244
The Total of vehicle number is 979

The Violator of North branch:
[26/12/2010] [22:50:48] [ID : 1848] [Time Capture: 11.50 s] [Direct: R] [Speed : 16.227 km/h]

The Violator of East branch:
[26/12/2010] [22:49:25] [ID : 4796] [Time Capture: 2.10 s] [Direct: L] [Speed : 40.392 km/h]
[26/12/2010] [22:50:30] [ID : 3323] [Time Capture: 1.90 s] [Direct: L] [Speed : 44.644 km/h]
[26/12/2010] [22:51:18] [ID : 4880] [Time Capture: 11.00 s] [Direct: L] [Speed : 7.711 km/h]

The Violator of South branch:
[26/12/2010] [22:48:59] [ID : 6823] [Time Capture: 3.80 s] [Direct: R] [Speed : 49.108 km/h]
[26/12/2010] [22:49: 6] [ID : 7454] [Time Capture: 11.70 s] [Direct: L] [Speed : 7.250 km/h]
[26/12/2010] [22:49:28] [ID : 6655] [Time Capture: 11.40 s] [Direct: L] [Speed : 7.441 km/h]
[26/12/2010] [22:49:38] [ID : 5342] [Time Capture: 2.70 s] [Direct: L] [Speed : 31.416 km/h]

The Violator of West branch:
[26/12/2010] [22:50:24] [ID : 9938] [Time Capture: 1.50 s] [Direct: L] [Speed : 56.549 km/h]

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Figure 6. The display of the final of each cycles lighting period

From the simulation results we can be obtained that the generation ID in 1 cycle ignition period traffic lights are different. This is consistent with the arrival of vehicles at the intersection of the entrance area randomly and only allowed once detected. If an ID within 1 cycle period appears more than once, it will be counted once. For example, when simulated on October 27, 2010 at 22:22:9 raised ID vehicle across the intersection as shown in Figure 7. From Figure 7 can be seen that the ID of vehicles that appear at random is always different and the numbers will always be less than or equal to 12 IDs.

Cumulatively, in 1 cycle ignition (period on October 27, 2010 starting at 00:6:59) obtained numbers of vehicles passing through the crossing is like Figure 8. Vehicles ID is generated uniformly random and a maximum of 12 ID per second (0.48%) at each branching. From 00:00:00 to 03:59:59 hours lighting time is the same in each branch, i.e. 20 seconds of green light, yellow light 2 seconds and the light is red at the same time is 3 seconds. So the maximum number of vehicles that come to a branch when the light is green and yellow is 264. From Figure 8, we can see that the number of vehicles passing through is less than 160 (average 133.88 per vehicle or cycle period of 6.09 vehicles per second (0.24%)) and a second ID that is generated is less than 0, 48%. The average number of vehicles crossing the intersection can be seen in Table 2. From Table 2 can be seen that by using the generator ID type uniform every generation is to have the possibility of 0.24%.

Any vehicle of traffic light violator will be recorded in ID, the time violation and predicted speed across the intersection. In this simulation the vehicle who commits an offense is a queue of vehicles at first and passed through a magnetic flux sensor and has been identified by an RFID reader in the direction of another branch. At the end of each cycle is shown in a cumulative period of ignition of a vehicle that has violated a traffic light (see Figure 6). The number of vehicles in violation can be seen in Figure 9. The average number of traffic light violators in an ignition cycle traffic lights is less than 2.35 of the number of vehicles crossing the intersection for each existing branch. Or 0.09% of the ID existing possibilities, that is 2500 ID.

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1> [27/10/2010] [22:22:9]   TLC Status>> [North: G] [East: R] [South: R] [West: R]
North -> East   : 1           //from North to East (turn left)
North -> South  : 0           //from North to South (straight)
North -> West   : 4           //from North to West (turn right)
ID_NE =
      1461.
ID_NS =
      0.
ID_NW =
      1503.
      1721.
      1853.
      2270.
1> [27/10/2010] [22:22:10]   TLC Status>> [North: G] [East: R] [South: R] [West: R]
North -> East   : 1
North -> South  : 0
North -> West   : 2
ID_NE =
      909.
ID_NS =
      0.
ID_NW =
      2154.
      2162.

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Figure 7. The IDs generate different firing periods in 1 cycle of traffic light

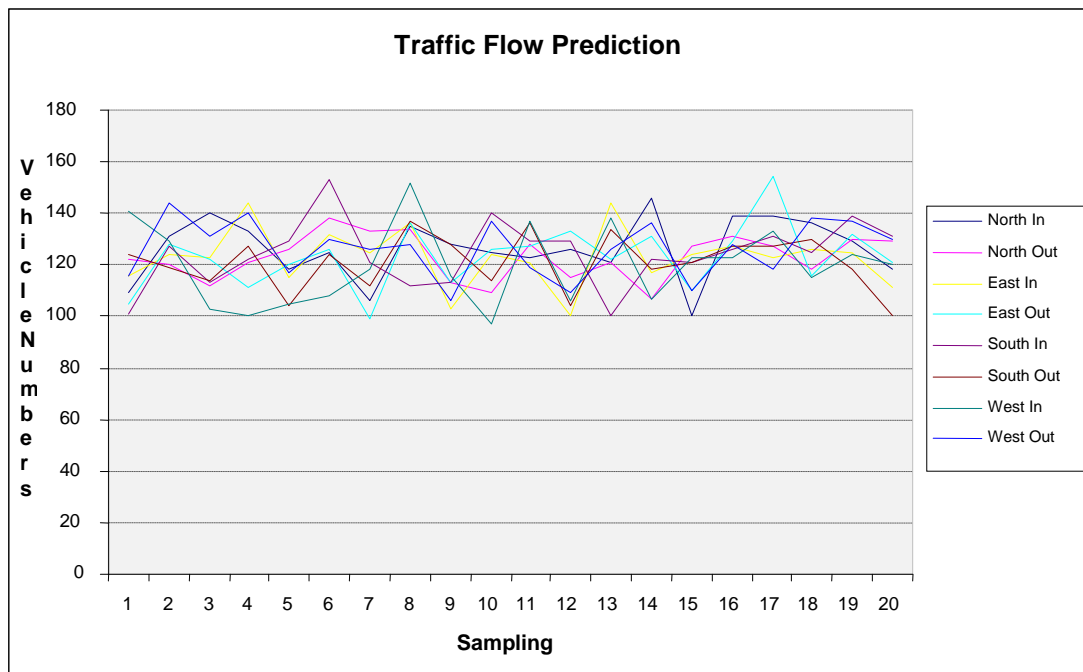


Figure 8. The flows of the vehicle across the intersection

For predicting a traffic light violator vehicle speed is done by detecting ID every 0.1 seconds starting time when the vehicle is detected by a magnetic flux sensor and ends at the time the vehicle ID detected by RFID readers in other branches. Vehicles would otherwise violated if the input speed is up to 80 km/h. Vehicle speed > 60 km/h expressed as a rate of more (*over-speed*). As shown in Figure 5, that there is a traffic light violations committed by

vehicles with ID 9069. The vehicle crossed the intersection of West branching (West) towards North branching (North), which is within 7.4 So from equation (1) obtained the average velocity is:

$$\begin{aligned} v &= (2 * 11.7853) / 7.40 \\ &= 3.1852 \text{ m/s} \\ &= 11.4668 \text{ km/h} \end{aligned}$$

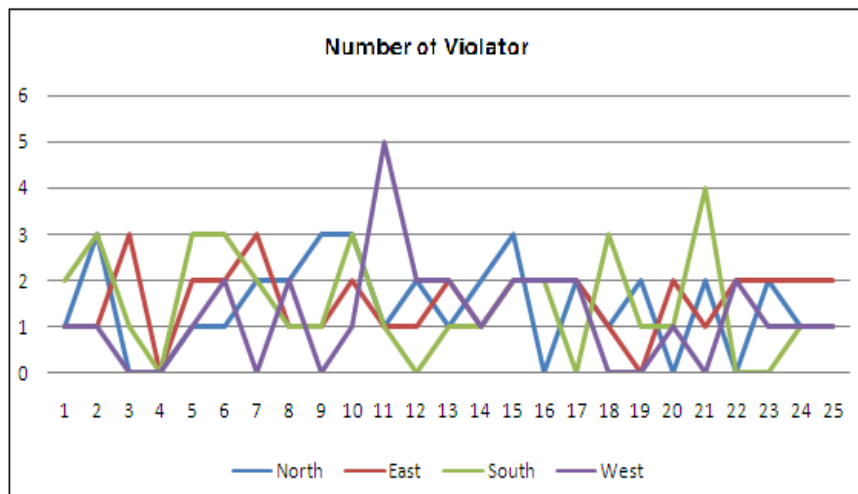


Figure 9. The number of traffic light violators

Table 2. The average number of vehicles

Cycle Period		Branches:							
		North				East			
	ID	G+Y (s)	ID/s			ID	G+Y (s)	ID/s	
00:00 - 03:59	133.88	22	6.09	0.24%		132.28	22	6.01	0.24%
04:00 - 05:59	265.80	44	6.04	0.24%		134.32	22	6.11	0.24%
06:00 - 10:59	393.20	65	6.05	0.24%		260.84	44	5.93	0.24%
11:00 - 13:59	203.32	33	6.16	0.25%		268.6	44	6.10	0.24%
14:00 - 19:59	330.44	55	6.01	0.24%		334.24	55	6.08	0.24%
20:00 - 23:59	195.48	33	5.92	0.24%		262.6	44	5.97	0.24%
		South				West			
	ID	G+Y (s)	ID/s			ID	G+Y (s)	ID/s	
00:00 - 03:59	134.40	22	6.11	0.24%		131.12	22	5.96	0.24%
04:00 - 05:59	124.88	22	5.68	0.23%		201.08	33	6.09	0.24%
06:00 - 10:59	334.64	55	6.08	0.24%		333.88	55	6.07	0.24%
11:00 - 13:59	263.16	44	5.98	0.24%		266.44	44	6.06	0.24%
14:00 - 19:59	264.96	44	6.02	0.24%		403.28	65	6.20	0.25%
20:00 - 23:59	258.76	44	5.88	0.24%		272.72	44	6.20	0.25%

4. Conclusion

This paper has dealt with prediction of speed vehicle of traffic light violation. The movement of vehicles across the intersection can be detected through the reading of the IDs by RFID readers installed at each branching junction. The number of vehicles crossing the intersection of each ignition cycle period traffic lights has a uniform distribution with an average of 0.24%. The number of violators of traffic light is less than 1% of the number of vehicles crossing the intersection (or an average of 0.09% of total ID that may be) with speed 5 – 80 km/h.

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